

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 72 counties from September 2010 to September 2011

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EDITOR'S NOTE: September's preliminary and August's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Sept11chart.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 27, 2011) — Unemployment rates fell in 72 Kentucky counties between September 2010 and September 2011, while 43 county rates increased and five counties remained the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 7.2 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 7.7 percent; Larue County, 7.8 percent; Caldwell, Ohio, Warren and Webster counties, 7.9 percent each; Calloway County, 8 percent; and Daviess, Madison, Oldham and Shelby counties, 8.1 percent each.

Fulton County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17.3 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 16.5 percent; Magoffin County, 16 percent; McCreary County, 14.8 percent; Clay County, 14.7 percent; Menifee County, 14.4 percent; Bell County, 14.1 percent; Meade County, 13.9 percent; Lewis County, 13.6 percent; and Lee County, 13.3 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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